

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
WESTERN DIVISION

MO-KAN IRON WORKERS PENSION FUND,
a Trust Fund,

and

DAVE COLEMAN and DONALD E. GREENWELL, III,
TRUSTEES OF THE MO-KAN IRON WORKERS
PENSION FUND,

and

MO-KAN IRON WORKERS WELFARE FUND,
a Trust Fund,

and

DAVE COLEMAN and DONALD E. GREENWELL, III,
TRUSTEES OF THE MO-KAN IRON WORKERS
WELFARE FUND,

and

MO-KAN IRON WORKERS APPRENTICESHIP,
TRAINING AND EDUCATION FUND,
a Trust Fund,

and

DAVE COLEMAN and DONALD E. GREENWELL, III,
TRUSTEES OF THE MO-KAN IRON WORKERS
APPRENTICESHIP, TRAINING AND
EDUCATION FUND,

Plaintiffs,

v.

FULSOM BROTHERS, INC.

[SERVE: Registered Agents Inc.
117 South Lexington Street
Suite 100
Harrisonville, MO 64701

Defendant]

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COMPLAINT

COUNT I

Come now Plaintiffs, Mo-Kan Iron Workers Pension Fund, a Trust Fund, and Dave Coleman and Donald E. Greenwell, III, duly appointed and acting Trustees of the Mo-Kan Iron Workers Pension Fund who are authorized to maintain this action on behalf of the Pension Fund and the Trustees of the Mo-Kan Iron Workers Pension Fund, and, for their cause of action under Count I against Defendant, state:

1. This action arises under and jurisdiction is founded on Section 502 and Section 515 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (hereinafter referred to as "ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. §1132 and 29 U.S.C. §1145.

2. Plaintiffs, Dave Coleman and Donald E. Greenwell, III, are duly appointed and acting Trustees of the Mo-Kan Iron Workers Pension Fund who are authorized to maintain this action on behalf of the Pension Fund and all the Trustees of the Mo-Kan Iron Workers Pension Fund; Plaintiff, Mo-Kan Iron Workers Pension Fund (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff Pension Fund"), is a trust fund existing and established pursuant to the Labor Management Relations Act, as amended, Section 302, 29 U.S.C. §186; that said Plaintiff Pension Fund is an employee benefit plan within the meaning of Section 3 of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1003.

3. Said Plaintiff Pension Fund was established on July 1, 1970, pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement entered into between the Builders Association of Missouri (hereinafter referred to as "Association") and the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, Local Union No. 10, AFL-CIO (hereinafter referred to as "Union"); that the Trust Agreement establishing the Plaintiff Pension Fund was amended and revised effective January 1, 1976.

4. The Trustees of the Pension Fund have established both a Pension Plan and an Annuity Plan pursuant to the Trust Agreement.

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5. The situs of the Plaintiff Fund is the City of Kansas City, Missouri.

6. Plaintiffs have served the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Labor with copies of the within Complaint as required by Section 502(h) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132(h) by depositing copies of said Complaint in the United States mail, certified mail, addressed to said Secretary of the Treasury and said Secretary of Labor on or about the date of the filing of the Complaint.

7. Defendant is a Kansas corporation doing business in the State of Missouri particularly in the Western District of Missouri; that Defendant at all times material herein employed Iron Workers performing work covered by the collective bargaining agreements herein mentioned.

8. In the ordinary course of business, Defendant annually engages in substantial dollar volume in business with persons, firms and corporations which are engaged in businesses affecting commerce within the meaning of the Labor Management Relations Act, as amended, 29 U.S.C. §151, and 29 U.S.C. §185.

9. Defendant on April 11, 2005, stipulated and agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of collective bargaining agreements then in effect and that would subsequently be in effect between the Association and the Union; that Defendant is thereby bound by all collective bargaining agreements in effect on said date and subsequent thereto.

10. Iron Worker employees of the Defendant were employed under the terms of the collective bargaining agreements between the Association and the Union under the terms of which Defendant agreed, among other things, to pay and contribute to Plaintiff Pension Fund various sums per hour for each employee covered by and subject to said agreements from **April 11, 2005**, to the present date and thereafter; and during said period to submit written reports within ten days after the last day of the preceding month for the hours worked during said preceding month; that said reports should list the names and hours worked and the amounts

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contributed for each such employee of Defendant.

11. Defendant has failed and refused to submit correct remittance reports and correct contributions to Plaintiffs from **January 1, 2014**, to date, and Plaintiffs are unable to determine the total amount of contributions owed by Defendant without an accounting of the books and records of Defendant covering the period **January 1, 2014**, to date.

12. That the Defendant is required by Section 209 of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1059, to maintain records with respect to each employee sufficient to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such employees.

13. Under the agreements hereinabove mentioned, Defendant likewise agreed, among other things, to be bound by the terms and provisions of the Trust Agreement, as amended, under which the said Plaintiff Pension Fund is administered and to allow an official agent of the Board of Trustees of said Plaintiff Pension Fund, upon request, during regular business hours, to inspect and make copies of any and all records of Defendant pertaining to compensation paid to employees, hours worked by employees, monies withheld from employees for taxes paid on account of employees and other records relevant to and of assistance in determining whether Defendant's obligations under said agreements to make payments to said Plaintiff Pension Fund have been faithfully performed.

14. An audit of Defendant's books and records for the period **January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013**, shows that Defendant owes Plaintiffs **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE AND 03/100 (\$25,631.03) DOLLARS** in unpaid fringe benefit contributions, **FIVE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX AND 23/100 (\$5,126.23) DOLLARS** as and for liquidated damages and **THREE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN AND 63/100 (\$3,917.63) DOLLARS** as and for interest.

15. An audit of Defendant's books and records for the period **January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013** shows that Defendant owes Plaintiffs **TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND, NINE**

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HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO AND 89/100 (\$21,932.89) DOLLARS in unpaid Annuity Plan contributions, **FOUR THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX AND 60/100 (\$4,386.60) DOLLARS** as and for liquidated damages and **THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX AND 00/100 (\$3,356.00) DOLLARS** as and for interest for the Annuity Plan contributions.

16. The collective bargaining agreements and Trust Agreement, as amended, and hereinabove mentioned likewise provide that, if payment of sums due said Plaintiff Pension Fund therein mentioned are made later than the time required, the Board of Trustees may impose on the employer liquidated damages, interest, audit costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees and Court costs incurred to enforce payments from an employer in default.

17. The collective bargaining agreements and Trust Agreement, as amended, further provide that the Board of Trustees may require the employer to put up cash deposits in advance of work and/or to enter into an escrow arrangement with the Plaintiff Pension Fund or post a corporate bond guaranteeing performance under the Trust Agreement, as amended.

18. Plaintiffs are without an adequate remedy at law and will suffer immediate, continuing and irreparable injury, loss and damage unless Defendant is ordered to specifically perform all obligations on Defendant's part required to be performed under the collective bargaining agreements and Trust Agreements, as amended, and herein referred to.

19. Defendant is required by Section 515 of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1145, to make fringe benefit contributions to Plaintiffs pursuant to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the aforesaid collective bargaining agreements and Trust Agreement, as amended; and this action is brought by Plaintiff Trustees for and on behalf of Plaintiff Pension Fund to enforce said Defendant's obligations under Section 515 of ERISA.

20. That pursuant to Section 502(g)(2) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2), Plaintiffs are entitled to a mandatory award of unpaid fringe benefit contributions; interest on said unpaid fringe benefit contributions as provided for in the aforesaid Trust Agreement, as amended; liquidated

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damages as provided for in the aforesaid Trust Agreement, as amended; reasonable attorneys' fees; and their cost of this action.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for the following Orders, Judgments and Decrees:

A. An Order directing that an accounting be made of Defendant's books and records to determine the total number of hours worked and/or paid to employees covered by the aforesaid collective bargaining agreements from **January 1, 2014**, to date; and

B. For judgment against Defendant in the amount of **TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE AND 03/100 (\$25,631.03) DOLLARS** in unpaid fringe benefit contributions, **FIVE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX AND 23/100 (\$5,126.23) DOLLARS** as and for liquidated damages and **THREE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN AND 63/100 (\$3,917.63) DOLLARS** for interest due and owing for the period **January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013**; and for judgment against Defendant in a sum equal to the number of hours found by said accounting to have been worked and/or paid to employees covered by said agreements times the hourly amounts due under said agreements for the period **January 1, 2014**, to date; and

C. For judgment against Defendant in the amount of **TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO AND 89/100 (\$21,932.89) DOLLARS** in unpaid Annuity Plan contributions, **FOUR THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX AND 60/100 (\$4,386.60) DOLLARS** as and for liquidated damages and **THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX AND 00/100 (\$3,356.00) DOLLARS** for interest due and owing for the period **January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013**; and for judgment against Defendant in a sum equal to the number of hours found by said accounting to have been worked and/or paid to employees covered by said agreements times the hourly amounts due under said agreements for the period **January 1, 2014**, to date; and

D. For judgment against Defendant for liquidated damages; and

E. For judgment against Defendant for interest on the unpaid fringe benefit contributions and Annuity Plan contributions; and

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F. For judgment against Defendant for reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in the prosecution of this cause; and

G. For judgment against Defendant for audit costs incurred in the prosecution of this cause; and

H. For an Order requiring Defendant to put up cash deposits in advance of work and/or to enter into an escrow arrangement with Plaintiffs or post a corporate bond guaranteeing performance under the collective bargaining agreements and Trust Agreement, as amended; and

I. For an Order, pursuant to Section 209 of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1059, requiring Defendant to maintain records with respect to each employee sufficient to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such employees; and

J. For an Order requiring the Defendant to specifically perform all provisions of the current and future collective bargaining agreements and Trust Agreement, as amended, in respect to the reporting and payment of Pension Fund and Annuity Plan contributions to the Plaintiffs; and

K. For judgment against Defendant for costs incurred in this action; and

L. For such other relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

COUNT II

Come now Plaintiffs, Mo-Kan Iron Workers Welfare Fund, a Trust Fund, and Dave Coleman and Donald E. Greenwell, III, duly appointed and acting Trustees of the Mo-Kan Iron Workers Welfare Fund who are authorized to maintain this action on behalf of the Welfare Fund and the Trustees of the Mo-Kan Iron Workers Welfare Fund, and, for their cause of action under Count II against Defendant, state:

1. Plaintiffs, Dave Coleman and Donald E. Greenwell, III, are duly appointed and acting Trustees of the Mo-Kan Iron Workers Welfare Fund who are authorized to maintain this action on behalf of the Welfare Fund and all the Trustees of the Mo-Kan Iron Workers Welfare

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Fund; Plaintiff, Mo-Kan Iron Workers Welfare Fund (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff Welfare Fund") is a trust fund existing and established pursuant to the Labor Management Relations Act, as amended, Section 302, 29 U.S.C. §186; that said Plaintiff Welfare Fund is an employee benefit plan within the meaning of Section 3 of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002.

2. Said Plaintiff Welfare Fund was established on July 1, 1970, pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement between the Builders Association of Missouri (hereinafter referred to as "Association") and the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, Local Union No. 10, AFL-CIO (hereinafter referred to as "Union"); that the Trust Agreement establishing the Plaintiff Welfare Fund was amended and revised effective January 1, 1976.

3. An audit of Defendant's books and records for the period **January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013** shows that Defendant owes Plaintiffs **TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED-SIXTY AND 85/100 (\$24,960.85) DOLLARS** in unpaid Welfare Fund contributions, **FOUR THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO AND 18/100 (\$4,992.18) DOLLARS** as and for liquidated damages and **THREE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO AND 75/100 (\$3,822.75) Dollars** as and for interest.

4. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate, adopt and make part hereof all of the allegations of Paragraphs One (1), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19) and Twenty (20) of Count I of the within Complaint.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for the following Orders, Judgments and Decrees:

A. An Order directing that an accounting be made of Defendant's books and records to determine the total number of hours worked and/or paid to employees covered by the aforesaid collective bargaining agreements from **January 1, 2014**, to date; and

B. For judgment against Defendant in the amount of **TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, NINE**

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HUNDRED-SIXTY AND 85/100 (\$24,960.85) DOLLARS in unpaid Welfare Fund contributions, **FOUR THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO AND 18/100 (\$4,992.18) DOLLARS** as and for liquidated damages and **THREE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO AND 75/100 (\$3,822.75) Dollars** for interest due and owing for the period **January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013**; and for judgment against Defendant in a sum equal to the number of hours found by said accounting to have been worked and/or paid to employees covered by said agreements times the hourly amounts due under said agreements for the period **January 1, 2014**, to date; and

C. For judgment against Defendant for liquidated damages; and

D. For judgment against Defendant for interest on the unpaid fringe benefit contributions; and

E. For judgment against Defendant for reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in the prosecution of this cause; and

F. For judgment against Defendant for audit costs incurred in the prosecution of this cause; and

G. For an Order requiring Defendant to put up cash deposits in advance of work and/or to enter into an escrow arrangement with Plaintiffs or post a corporate bond guaranteeing performance under the collective bargaining agreements and Trust Agreement, as amended; and

H. For an Order, pursuant to Section 209 of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1059, requiring Defendant to maintain records with respect to each employee sufficient to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such employees; and

I. For an Order requiring the Defendant to specifically perform all provisions of the current and future collective bargaining agreements and Trust Agreement, as amended, in respect to the reporting and payment of fringe benefit contributions to the Plaintiffs; and

J. For judgment against Defendant for costs incurred in this action; and

K. For such other relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

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COUNT III

Come now Plaintiffs, Mo-Kan Iron Workers Apprenticeship, Training and Education Fund, a Trust Fund, and Dave Coleman and Donald E. Greenwell, III, duly appointed and acting Trustees of the Mo-Kan Iron Workers Apprenticeship, Training and Education Fund who are authorized to maintain this action on behalf of the Training Fund and the Trustees of the Mo-Kan Iron Workers Apprenticeship, Training and Education Fund, and, for their cause of action under Count III against Defendant, state:

1. Plaintiffs, Dave Coleman and Donald E. Greenwell, III, are duly appointed and acting Trustees of the Mo-Kan Iron Workers Apprenticeship, Training and Education Fund who are authorized to maintain this action on behalf of the Training Fund and all the Trustees of the Mo-Kan Iron Workers Apprenticeship, Training and Education Fund; Plaintiff Mo-Kan Iron Workers Apprenticeship, Training and Education Fund (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff Training Fund") is a trust fund existing and established pursuant to the Labor Management Relations Act, as amended, Section 302, 29 U.S.C. §186; that said Plaintiff Training Fund is an employee benefit plan within the meaning of Section 3 of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002.

2. Said Plaintiff Training Fund was established on January 1, 1970, pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement between the Builders Association of Missouri (hereinafter referred to as "Association") and the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, Local Union No. 10, AFL-CIO (hereinafter referred to as "Union"); that the Trust Agreement establishing the Plaintiff Training Fund was amended and revised effective January 1, 1976.

3. An audit of Defendant's books and records for the period **January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013** shows that Defendant owes Plaintiffs **TWO THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN AND 05/100 (\$2,111.05) DOLLARS** in unpaid Training Fund contributions, **FOUR HUNDRED,**

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TWENTY-TWO AND 22/100 (\$422.22) DOLLARS as and for liquidated damages and **THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE AND 64/100 (\$321.64) Dollars** as and for interest.

4. Plaintiffs hereby incorporate, adopt and make part hereof all of the allegations of Paragraphs One (1), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19) and Twenty (20) of Count I of the within Complaint.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for the following Orders, Judgments and Decrees:

A. An Order directing that an accounting be made of Defendant's books and records to determine the total number of hours worked and/or paid to employees covered by the aforesaid collective bargaining agreements from **January 1, 2014**, to date; and

B. For judgment against Defendant in the amount of **TWO THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED ELEVEN AND 05/100 (\$2,111.05) DOLLARS** in unpaid Training Fund contributions, **FOUR HUNDRED, TWENTY-TWO AND 22/100 (\$422.22) DOLLARS** as and for liquidated damages and **THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE AND 64/100 (\$321.64) Dollars** for interest due and owing for the period **January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013**; and for judgment against Defendant in a sum equal to the number of hours found by said accounting to have been worked and/or paid to employees covered by said agreements times the hourly amounts due under said agreements for the period **January 1, 2014**, to date; and

C. For judgment against Defendant for liquidated damages; and

D. For judgment against Defendant for interest on the unpaid fringe benefit contributions; and

E. For judgment against Defendant for reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in the prosecution of this cause; and

F. For judgment against Defendant for audit costs incurred in the prosecution of this cause; and

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- G. For an Order requiring Defendant to put up cash deposits in advance of work and/or to enter into an escrow arrangement with Plaintiffs or post a corporate bond guaranteeing performance under the collective bargaining agreements and Trust Agreement, as amended; and
- H. For an Order, pursuant to Section 209 of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1059, requiring Defendant to maintain records with respect to each employee sufficient to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such employees; and
- I. For an Order requiring the Defendant to specifically perform all provisions of the current and future collective bargaining agreements and Trust Agreement, as amended, in respect to the reporting and payment of fringe benefit contributions to the Plaintiffs; and
- J. For judgment against Defendant for costs incurred in this action; and
- K. For such other relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

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